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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, EG

SUBJECT: EGYPT AIR HI-JACKING

REF: CAIRO 11270

1. WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN HARD INDICATION OF  
ON NUMBER AND IDENTITY OF AMERICANS ABOARD HI-JACKED AIRCRAFT.  
IN TALK A FEW MINUTES AGO WITH FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET,  
USSAMA EL-BAZ, HE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT EGYPT AIR'S LIST  
OF PASSENGERS ABOARD FLIGHT IS "LOUSY" AND CONCEIVABLY  
INCOMPLETE. TWO MEMBERS OF FAA SECURITY TEAM ARE AT  
CAIRO AIRPORT TRYING TO GET SOME HARD INFORMATION ON ANY  
AMERICANS WHO MAY BE ABOARD. WE ARE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH  
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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FOR ANY

INFORMATION EITHER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ABLE  
TO PROVIDE.

2. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH EL-BAZ WHETHER, IF THERE ARE  
AMERICANS ABOARD, HE WOULD AGREE TO OUR SENDING AN OFFICER  
TO LUXOR FOR WHATEVER HELP HE MAY BE. EL-BAZ FIRST  
REITERATED THAT MFA HAD NO INFORMATION THAT ANY AMERICANS  
ARE ABOARD, BUT NOTED HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK OUT REQUEST  
WITH FAHMY, EGYPTIAN MILITARY AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES.  
HE CALLED BACK FEW MINUTES LATER TO SAY THAT THERE IS AT LEAST  
ONE AMERICAN ABOARD. ALTHOUGH EL-BAZ DID NOT HAVE HIS  
NAME, HE DESCRIBED HIM AS AN "EXPECT" WORKING AT THE  
SUGAR COMPANY IN QUS. IN THAT SECOND CALL, EL-BAZ ALSO  
INDICATED THAT EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER IT INADVISABLE  
THAT EMBASSY OFFICER BE SENT TO LUXOR, SINCE BOTH PRIMIN  
ARE ALREADY THERE WORKING ON THE MATTER THEMSELVES.  
WE HAVE ANOTHER REPORT THAT GAMASY MAY ALSO BE THERE.

3. WE HAVE JUST HEARD RADIO MONTE CARLO REPORT THAT THERE  
ARE 92 PERSONS ABOARD THE FLIGHT, INCLUDING JAPANESE  
AND FRENCH TOUR GROUPS. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ADVISES THAT  
MFA HAS CONFIRMED THERE ARE FORTY ONE JAPANESE TOURISTS AND  
TWENTY FRENCH TOURISTS ABOARD, BUT HAD NO INFORMATION ON OTHER  
PASSENGERS.

4. WE HAVE JUST OBTAINED COPY OF PASSENGER MANIFEST FROM GI.  
IT SUGGESTS EITHER 92 OR 93 PASSENGERS ABOARD, BUT NATIONALITIES NOT

RPT NOT INDICATED. WE ARE ATTEMPTING CHECK LIST TO IDENTIFY  
POSSIBLE AMERICANS.  
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